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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF LAUREL-LANGLEY TERMINATION

1. ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS EXCEPT BUSINESS DAY CARRIED FEATURE STORIES ON TERMINATION OF LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT AT MIDNIGHT ON JULY 3. COVERAGE WAS STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH FACTUAL ERRORS LESS FREQUENT THAN USUAL FOR THIS COMPLICATED SUBJECT AND WITH VIRTUALLY NO RAISING OF ANTI-COLONIAL OR ECONOMIC NATIONALISM THEMES.

2. PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF STORIES WERE END OF SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS AND OF PARITY RIGHTS COVERING LAND OWNERSHIP, MINING, RETAIL TRADE AND OTHER FIELDS. MOST STORIES STATED TERMINATION OF TRADE PRIVILEGES NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE PROBLEMS. SEVERAL STORIES NOTED EXTENSIVE FILIPINIZATION HAS OCCURRED IN PUBLIC UTILITIES, MINING AND LAND OWNERSHIP. A FEW PAPERS ALSO NOTED PHILIPPINE DECISION TO GIVE U.S. CITIZENS ADDITIONAL YEAR TO ADJUST REAL ESTATE INTERESTS.

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3. ALL LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUING GOOD ECONOMIC

RELATIONS WITH U.S. SEVERAL REFERRED TO PROSPECTS
FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOME MENTIONING
PENDING U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION. PHILIPPINE NEWS
AGENCY MADE ONLY REPORT OF PRESENCE IN MANILA OF U.S.
NEGOTIATING TEAM. PNA ALSO GAVE MORE COVERAGE THAN
OTHER PAPERS TO PROSPECTS FOR DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADE
AND INVESTMENT RELATIONS, MENTIONING, JAPAN,
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